GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN RUSSIAN DEFENCE DEALS
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the News-item captioned, `Russia not transparent in Defence Sale` appeared in the Statesman dated April 5, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Navy buys a large amount of equipments from Russia;

(c) whether the Government have paid more money due to lack of transparency on Russian side;

(d) if so, the details of extra amount paid to Russia on submarines deals;

(e) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry into the matter; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): All procurements from Russia have to be necessarily made from agencies authorized by the Government of Russian Federation to supply defence related equipment to foreign buyers. Prices are settled by negotiations between the two sides on case to case basis.

(e) & (f): Do not arise.